

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 280

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Catherine Elton Barker on being named a 2017 Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Catherine Elton Barker, who was selected to receive the American Lung Association of Tennessee's 2017 Woman of Distinction Award; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women in the Chattanooga community who have distinguished themselves and made a difference in the lives of people every day through their professional accomplishments, volunteer service, and philanthropic activities in the Chattanooga area; and

WHEREAS, impacting the lives of countless students, Catherine Elton Barker enjoyed a highly distinguished career as an educator at Girls Preparatory School in Chattanooga, where she served as chair of the English Department from 1984 to 1987; and

WHEREAS, an avid supporter of her community, she has lent her time and talents to numerous civic and charitable organizations, including Signal Mountain Gardeners, PEO International, Signal Mountain Beautification Committee, McDowell Music Club, Chattanooga Music Club, The National Capitol Heritage Foundation, Inc., Mountain Arts Community Center, La Leche League, Girl Scouts of America, and Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, an active participant with the American Lung Association LUNGFORCE Volunteers, Ms. Barker has served as a member of the American Lung Association Regional

Council and as a member of the National Patient Advisory Board of the American Lung Association National; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Catherine Elton Barker received the Distinguished Teacher Award from Girls Preparatory School in 2000 and was named to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* from 1996 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Catherine Elton Barker who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Catherine Elton Barker on being named a 2017 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association of Tennessee and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.